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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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	:	Group Art Unit: 3624
Application No.: 09/335,031)	
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Filed: June 16, 1999)	
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For: ACCOUNTING APPARATUS,)	October 24, 2002
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REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF NEW OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of an Office Action dated October 1, 2002, that does not address the claims as presently before the PTO. The Office Action appears to address the claims and arguments presented in an Amendment filed in July of 2001, but it does not address the claim amendments and arguments presented in the subsequent Amendment filed on February 21, 2002. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests issuance of a new Office Action that addresses the claims presently before the PTO for examination.

FACTS

Applicant filed an Amendment After Final Rejection in this application on February 21, 2002. Applicant subsequently received an Advisory Action indicating that the

proposed amendments would not be entered because, *inter alia*, they raised new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. In response, Applicant filed a request for a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) on July 19, 2002, a copy of which is attached. In the CPA request, Applicant requested entry of the unentered amendment previously filed on February 21, 2002. (See Box 1.) Accordingly, the claims presently before the PTO for examination are the claims as presented in the February 21, 2002 Amendment After Final Rejection.

The October 1, 2002 Office Action, however, addresses the claims and arguments as presented in a July, 2001 Amendment. Specifically, paragraph 1 of the Office Action states:

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the amendment filed July 19, 2001 amending claims 24-28, 33-36, 41, 43, 46, 49, 50-52 and adding claims 54-81. Claims 24-81 are now pending in the application and are presented for examination upon their merits.

Further, paragraph 2 of the Office Action states (in part):

2. Applicant's arguments regarding amended claims 24-81, filed July 19, 2001 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Examiner maintains the rejection(s) from the previous office action mailed March 14, 2001 under Paper No. 4 for method claims 24-53 and the newly added apparatus claims 54-81.

Thus, it is apparent on its face that the Office Action is not addressing the claims as presented in the February 21, 2002 Amendment After Final Rejection, entry of which was requested in the CPA request. Moreover, a review of the substantive comments in the Office Action shows that they do not address the claim amendments or arguments presented in the February 21, 2002 Amendment After Final Rejection.

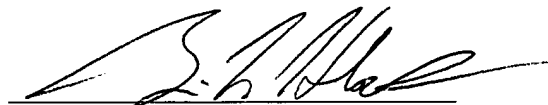
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a new Office Action be issued that addresses the claims as amended in the February 21, 2002 Amendment After Final Rejection.

Applicant submits that no fee is required for this Request. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee required for this Request to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this Request is enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our below-listed address.

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